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Applicant : CRAFT, et al.  
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: PREFORM AND SYSTEM PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER  
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**AFTER FINAL RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office action of January 8, 2004, please consider the following Remarks in the above-identified case.

The **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.